

CH-161
Henry H. Bowie House
Pisgah
Private

1883-1897

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. CH-161

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Henry H. Bowie House

common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 7060 Poor House Road not for publication _____
city or town Pisgah vicinity X state Maryland code MD
county Charles code 017 zip code 20640

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____
No X

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Late 19th Century I-house

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation pier: brick

roof side gable: corrugated metal sheets

walls frame: asphalt "brick-tex" roll siding

other original cladding: wood weatherboard

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance 1883 - 1897

Significant Dates 1883-1897

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Brown, Jack D., et al. *Charles County, Maryland, A History*. Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, La Plata, Maryland.

Klapthor, Margaret Brown. *The History of Charles County, Maryland*. La Plata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 17.522 acres**Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)**

The property at 7060 Poor House Road is designated as Parcel 207 on Map 30, Grid 12 on the Charles County Property Map.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The house at 7060 Poor House Road has been associated with Parcel 207, Map 30 since its construction between 1883 and 1897.

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11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Kathryn Gettings Smith, Architectural Historian
organization Charles County Planning Dept. date Dec. 2, 1998
street & number P.O. Box B telephone 301-645-0689
city or town La Plata state MD zip code 20646

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12. Property Owner

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name Joseph G. Bowies & Darlene R. Handy
street & number P.O. Box 1464 telephone 301-843-1885
city or town Waldorf state MD zip code 20604

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The Bowie House stands on a level lot located on the north side of Poor House Road approximately one-tenth of a mile east of the Pisgah crossroads. The lot is level and scattered with mature trees. A half circular driveway provides access to the front of the house. The property is located within the small crossroads village of Pisgah, which began as a postal stop along the mail route before 1865. A single outbuilding, once used as a chicken coop, accompanies the house.

The dwelling itself consists of a 2-story, side gable rectangular block frame building, typical of the common I-house form. A 1-3/4-story frame "ell" extends off the rear of the structure. The house is set on a brick pier foundation, and is clad in asphalt roll siding patterned with an imitation brick design. The original wood weatherboard cladding is visible in several areas where the asphalt sheets have peeled away. Unadorned corner boards define the house's edges, and the open eaves are similarly undecorated. The side gable roof is covered with corrugated metal sheeting with a ridgepole crowning its apex. Two interior brick chimneys extend above the ridge, one at either gable end. A full-width 1-story, 3-bay porch extends across the facade and possesses a half-hipped roof supported on original turned wood posts.

Nearly all the original windows remain in place. The original sash configuration consists of 2/2 vertically oriented lights. The original windows are adorned by simple square-edged wood casings.

The facade of the building is three bays wide with a centered entrance containing a single panel-and-light wood door flanked by a single original window to the west and a double window to the east. The facade's second story contains two single windows with original sash that are vertically aligned with the window bays below.

The dwelling's east gable end contains two original window

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openings, one on the first and one on the second story. The second story window opening contains a replacement 6/6 wood sash window. The east elevation has been altered by the addition of a 1-story enclosed frame porch along the east wall of the rear "ell." This gable roof porch is enclosed with wood German siding, plastic screening, and modern 2/2 double-hung sash windows. A single-leaf panel-and-light wood door provides an entry to this porch addition.

The rear, or north elevation, of the dwelling reveals a 1-3/4-story frame rear "ell" with a 1-story shed roof addition extending off its west side. The "ell," potentially built as a kitchen, contains an original interior brick chimney that extends from the roof at the rear gable end. The rear wall of the "ell" and its shed addition is pierced by two window openings on the first story and two on the upper 3/4-story of the "ell." At the first story there is one replacement 6/6 sash window, and one original 2/2 sash window. Above, in the gable end of the "ell," two 4-light wood casement windows open onto the second level of the "ell." A curious detached brick flue stands slightly separated from the west wall of the shed addition to the rear "ell." A stove pipe runs horizontally through a hole in the house wall connecting it to the stack.

The north elevation of the 2-story main section reveals one replacement 6/6 sash window on the first story, and two original 2/2 windows on the second story. The west elevation is pierced by only one window opening with original sash located on the first story.

Although much of the house's original fabric remains, it has been altered by the replacement of the front porch rail, the recladding of its exterior, the replacement of several windows, and the addition of the enclosed frame porch on the east and the shed addition to the west of the "ell."

OUTBUILDINGS:

The single associated outbuilding, a former chicken coop, is located a short distance to the east of the house and appears to date from the first half of the 20th century. It is 1-story in height and has an elongated rectangular form with a low-pitched shed roof covered with asphalt roll roofing. The coop is clad in vertical boards and contains several single and double doors and 2/2 sash windows.

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According to the current owner, a barn once stood on the property.

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During the late 19th and into the early 20th century, the County was predominantly rural and agricultural. Following the Civil War, the County underwent a long period of recession, with many of its wealthy farming families abandoning their farms and moving out of the area. Their large estates were slowly divided among former tenant farmers into smaller farms, and cultivated with a more diverse array of crops, including grains, vegetables, and tobacco. By the early 20th century, many of these smaller farmsteads had become well established and their owners had the means to construct relatively substantial homes.

The Henry Bowie house was built for Henry H. & Mary E. Bowie between 1883 and 1897 on a 34-acre tract of land purchased from Mary Milstead for \$150. The land on which it was built was formerly a part of a tract of land known as "Bachelor's Park" or "Widow's Slip." Henry Bowie died sometime before 1927, leaving the house and property to his wife, Mary. Mary transferred the land to Edward Bowie in 1927. The property has remained in the Bowie family to the present.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-
1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

ARCHITECTURE

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

March 10, 1883: Mary Milstead to Henry H. Bowie
\$150
34 acres, 3 roods, 20 perches
Charles County Land Records
Liber BGS 6 Folio 462

April 27, 1897: Henry H. Bowie to Mary E. Bowie
\$500
34 acres, 3 roods, 20 perches
Part of "Bachelor's Hope" & "Widow's Slip"
Charles County Land Records
Liber JST 9 Folio 45

September ?, 1927¹: Mary E. Bowie (widow of Henry H. Bowie) to Edward Bowie, Sr.
\$1000
28 acres, Part of "Bachelor's Hope," "Widow's Slip," or "Widow's Slipe"
Near village of Pisgah
Charles County Land Records
Liber WMA 47 Folio 530

Edward Bowie, Sr. died intestate February 13, 1953: Property devised to his heirs at law, listed below as grantors.

May 20, 1955: Benjamin O. & Francis Bowie, Edward & Jean Bowie, Jr. of Prince George's County, MD, Mary Hardesty, Joseph Vernon & Mary Alice Bowie, Hazel & Alec Blatchford and Evelyn Shives, widow to Mary Eva Bowie
28 acres, Part of "Bachelor's Hope," "Widow's Slip," or "Widow's Slipe"
Near village of Pisgah
Charles County Land Records
Liber 118 Folio 6

Mary Eva Bowie died October 20, 1965, intestate.

¹ Day left blank in deed.

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April 29, 1969: Hazel T. Blatchford, Alexander
Blatchford, Mary A. Bowie to James
C. Mitchell
\$10
Charles County Land Records
Liber PCM 204 Folio 266

April 29, 1969: James C. Mitchell to Joseph V. &
Mary A. Bowie
\$10
Charles County Land Records
Liber 204 Folio 269

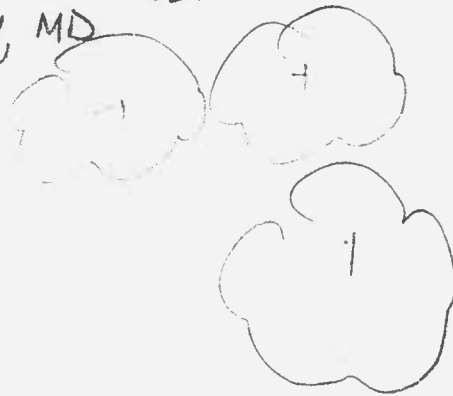
June 6, 1989: Helen Martha Bowie, Personal
Representative of the estate of
Joseph V. Bowie to Joseph G. Bowie &
Darlene R. Handy
24.038 acres
Joseph V. Bowie died November 2,
1987, Estate no. 7607: devised
property in his will
On north side of Route 484
Charles County Land Records
Liber 1387 Folio 294

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

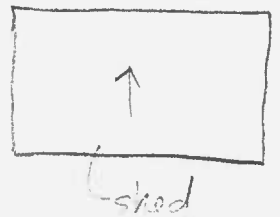
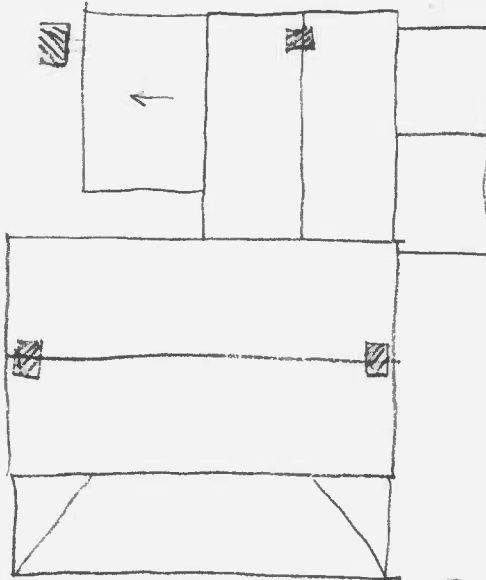
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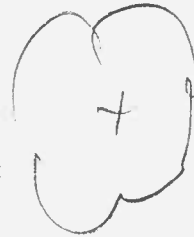
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7060 POOR HOUSE RD.
CHARLES COUNTY, MD
PISGAH VIC.



enclosed
porch

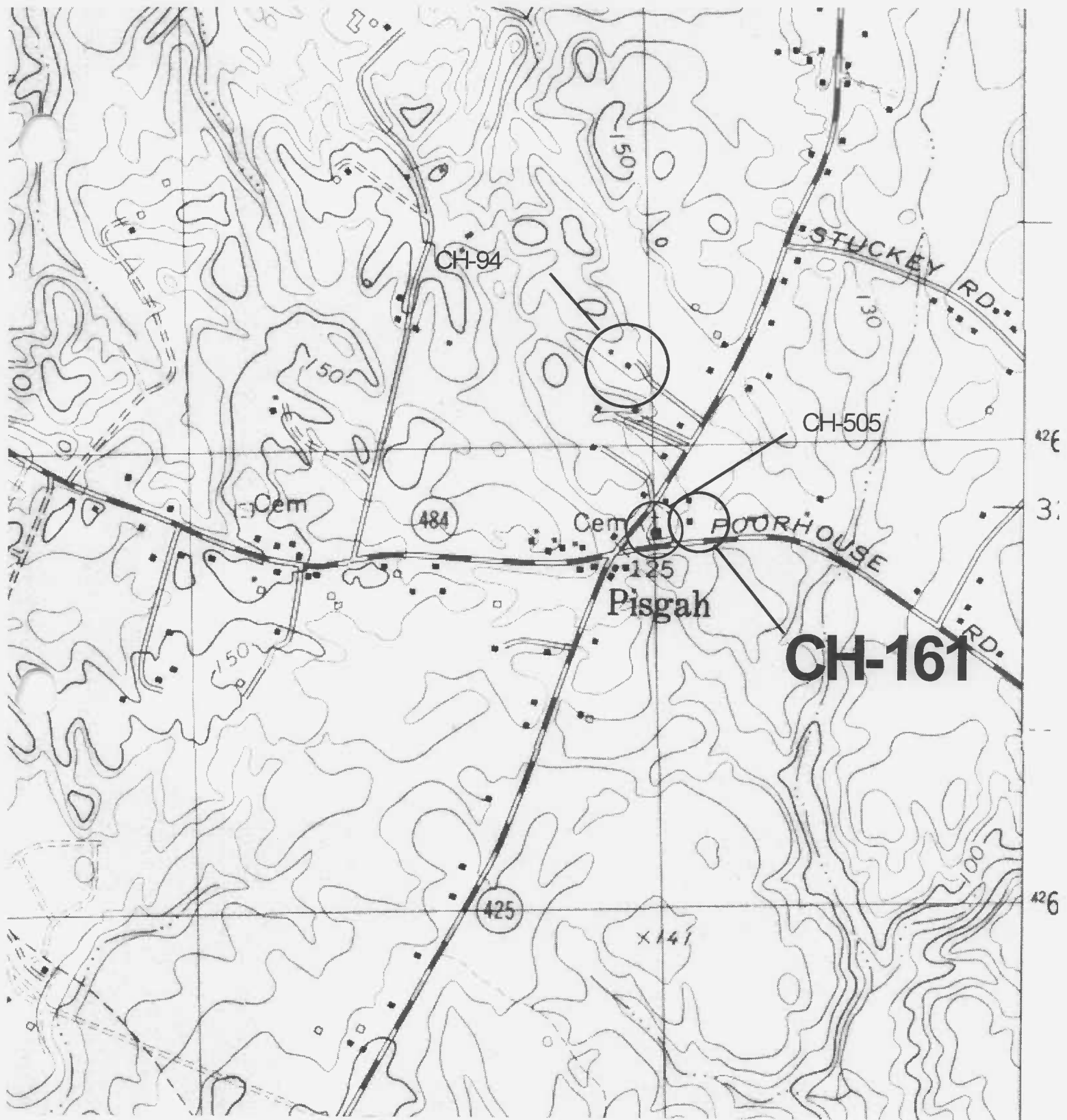


shed



dirt driveway

Poor House Rd



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INDIAN HEAD, MD QUAD



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MARYLAND SHPO

LOOKING NE

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LOOKING NW

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MARYLAND SHPO

LOOKING SOUTH

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SHED, LOOKING NE
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